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NEWS

Randolph SNCO earns Air Force-level award

By Thomas Warner
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Taking credit for the work done by others is not something Master Sgt. George Barkman is comfortable doing.

Instead, the NCO in charge of training at the Air Education and Training Command Security Forces directorate gives credit to the many people he has worked with both here and downrange at Joint Base Balad.

Sergeant Barkman was named Air Force Security Forces Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for 2008. He said he was shocked when notified at Christmas that he earned the award.

"I've got numerous people to thank because something like this is in no way an individual award," said Sergeant Barkman. "We are a MAJ-COM and are helping out 12 other bases with policy procedures. So in a sense, we are working for them."

Sergeant Barkman is among 18 award winners throughout AETC Security Forces, all of whom will receive their awards at the Worldwide Security Forces Symposium in April at Lackland Air Force Base.

"I worked with Greg when we were both deployed and he did a spectacular job defending Joint Base Balad," said Maj. Matthew McConnell, AETC Security Forces

chief of future operations. "He and his people were responsible for all entry control points to the flight line there, the defense hospital and the Air Force living compound."

Staffed with personnel from all branches of the military, the hospital at Joint Base Balad, in northern Iraq, is the most active forward deployed hospital since the Vietnam War.

"Sergeant Barkman volunteered to deploy to a combat area when many wouldn't," said Col. Gerard Jolivet, AETC chief of security forces. "He was pretty safe working here, but he volunteered for combat duty, because he wanted to lead Airmen."

While downrange, Sergeant Barkman headed a group of 54 and routinely led joint service responses to enemy rocket and mortar attacks. In those instances, a point of impact was determined, as well as quick sorties to search for any casualties and unexploded ordnance.

As a contact person for a squadron mentorship program he organized, Sergeant Barkman also was a sounding board for many staff and technical sergeants, both within his direct command and beyond those boundaries.

"He has just come back here to Randolph, but did a lot of good things downrange," said Senior Master Sgt. Edward Doss, AETC



Photo by Rich McFadden

Master Sgt. George Barkman inspects a full issue of gear that is given to all deploying security forces personnel. Sergeant Barkman received an Air Force-level award that cited his leadership and organizational qualities.

security forces operations superintendent. "He was one of the critical pieces as a senior NCO down there."

Here, Sergeant Barkman supervises roughly 25 people and is responsible for coordination of 12 AETC bases for security forces training and special projects.

He has made a point to network throughout the Air Force and other branches and, through membership with the Air Force Sergeants Association and other organizations,

is heavily involved within the community both on-base and off.

"I worked over two years with him and there is no task you hand him that he doesn't get accomplished," said Major McConnell. "He is very compassionate and always takes care of his fellow Airmen. He has a lot of friends across the Air Force and troops who call and ask him for advice."

"He's the kind of NCO you need in a unit to help it run effectively."

AETC recognizes 563rd FTS training innovations

By Sean Bowlin
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Innovative training solutions developed at the 563rd Flying Training Squadron are in use at many locations worldwide.

So it's not surprising that the 563rd FTS - a unit that commander Lt. Col. Chris Wellborn described as a "test bed" unit where new teaching methods and training modules and equipment are developed - recently earned a Learning Innovation Award from Air Education and Training Command.

One of the award-winning innovations mentioned in the nomination paperwork was the squadron's Simulation Development Laboratory, or SDL.

It's a joint 563rd FTS and Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency collaboration that houses various ground and air simulations that the squadron's student combat systems officers and student electronic warfare officers use in training.

Those simulations include the Air Combat Environment Airborne CSO trainer, the A-10C Desktop Simulator, the Ground Combat Environment simulation, the AC-130 Sensor Suite and finally, the Space and Naval Warfare Systems



Photo by Rich McFadden

Gen. Stephen Lorenz, Air Education and Training Command commander, presents the AETC Learning Innovation Award for Training to Lt. Col. Chris Wellborn, 563rd Flying Training Squadron commander, Jan. 15 during the AETC Symposium at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in San Antonio.

Command Signals Intelligence Trainer.

"This center of excellence provides a venue," Colonel Wellborn said, "for operators and engineers

from both the Department of Defense and industry to work side-by-side to develop realistic and accessible training simulation."

The SDL has apparently had an impact beyond training missions flown at Randolph. Simulations developed for and used in the SDL were requested for use in other Air Force units - including the intelligence school at Goodfellow AFB, Texas, the 36th Electronic Warfare Squadron at Eglin AFB, Fla., the 58th Training Squadron at Kirtland AFB, N.M., and the Maryland Air National Guard.

Additionally, the SDL's "Real World" simulation was listed in the Air Force Modeling and Simulation Resource Repository and was recognized as an Air Force "Best Practice."

Also, in response to Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz's vision for the Air Force CSO training program, the 563rd FTS produced a \$7.7 million pre-planned improvement for the T-25 Electronic Combat Simulator. That came about when squadron instructors worked with civilian computer programmers and engineers on prototype software models. In doing so, the time from identifying software issues

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AETC Symposium



Photos by Rich McFadden

Above: The Texas A&M University Fish Drill Team, part of the university's Navy ROTC program, perform before dinner Jan. 16 at the Air Education and Training Command Symposium at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in San Antonio.

Left: Gen. William Fraser III, Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force, speaks to servicemembers about the way ahead for the Air Force at the symposium Jan. 16.

AETC announces A1 award winners

Courtesy of the 12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs office

Several Team Randolph people and programs were selected as winners of the Air Education and Training Command 2008 A1 Awards Program.

The A1 "A-Staff" designator includes personnel in the manpower, personnel and services.

"The A1 community is all about everything Airmen," said Col. Bruce Lovely, AETC Manpower, Personnel and Services director. "Problem is, our battlespace issues are not black or white but different degrees of squishy. Despite this challenge, our A1 professionals are making the tough decisions every day. They are doing the right thing for the right reason to deliver world-class service ... while balancing mission, professional and personal desires and family."

The 12th Mission Support Group, and more specifically the 12th Services Division, had five programs alone that topped AETC's list. The SVS wins come on the heels of earning an "Outstanding" from inspectors last November during the Operational Readiness Inspection.

Another list highlight came when Randolph members swept five of six award categories in the Special Emphasis Awards.

Winners are:

Legacy Team Award

Headquarters level; team

- Col. L. Joseph Brown Award - Military Equal Opportunity Program: AETC/A1

Team and Program Awards

- Bowling Program of the Year: 12th Mission Support Group
- Club of the Year (All installation club activities): 12th MSG
- Fitness and Sports Program of the Year: 12th MSG
- Outdoor Recreation Program of the Year: 12th MSG
- Marketing Program of the Year: 12th MSG

Individual Awards

Base level; officer

- Force Support Field Grade Officer of the Year: Maj. Gregory Beaulieu, 12th MSG
- Force Support Company Grade Officer of the Year: Capt. Chaney Ferguson, 12th MSG

Individual Awards

Headquarters level

- Personnel Superintendent of the Year: Master Sgt. Larry Sampsell, AETC/A1
- PME Manager of the Year - Enlisted: Senior Master Sgt. Richard Turner, AETC/A1
- Civilian Personnel Action Officer of the Year: Sandra Sutton, AETC/A1
- Civilian Personnel Senior Program Manager of the Year: Imelda Dayao-Garcia, AETC/A1
- Manpower Senior Civilian Manager of the Year: Richard Burlingame, AETC/A1
- Manpower Senior Civilian of the Year: Ina Proctor, AETC/A1
- Personnel Junior Manager of the Year: Jeri Lara,

AETC/A1

- Personnel Technician of the Year: Adrian Huddleston, AETC/A1

Base level

- Services Civilian Specialist of the Year: Bethzaida Maldonado, 12th MSG,

Special Emphasis Awards

MAJCOM level

- Gen. Horace M. Wade Innovation Award: Kimberly Yates, AETC/A1
- Lt. Gen. Norm Lezy Award (action officer): Senior Master Sgt. Jennifer Gilder, AETC/A1
- Dr. Edwin C. Peterson Education & Training Manager Award (senior civilian): Laurie Murphy, AETC/A1
- Dr. Edwin C. Peterson Education & Training Manager Award (senior enlisted): Master Sgt. Brian Martinez, AETC/A1
- A1 Special Recognition Award: Military Tuition Assistance Team, AETC/A1

"Our A1 award winners embody this spirit and our core values of integrity, service and excellence," said Colonel Lovely. "While not all can be in the winners' circle, these members represent the hidden heroes within the A1 community who are delivering incredible support to our Airmen every day."

(Editor's note: Due to the number of awards won by the 12th Services Division, a separate article on the unit will appear in an upcoming issue of the Wingspread.)

Commander's Action Line

Call 652-5149 or
e-mail randolph.actionline@randolph.af.mil

While our goal is to provide the best programs, products and services to our customers, there will be instances when people believe we could have served them better.

In those cases, I ask the individual to first contact the responsible organization to allow the unit commander or manager an opportunity to ensure professional and impartial treatment.

When those officials are unable to provide satisfaction, the individual may contact me through the Action Line. I will ensure each Action Line call is looked into and a reply is given by telephone or in writing. I ask callers to include their name and telephone number so we may send a personal response.

Col. Jacqueline Van Ovost
12th Flying Training Wing commander



COMMENTARY

Lorenz on leadership: Doing the right thing

By Gen. Stephen Lorenz

Air Education and Training Command commander

Last week, our nation was inspired by the actions of a brave pilot – an everyday American who reminded us of who we are and who we can be.

It just so happens that the pilot of US Airways Flight 1549, Chesley B. “Sully” Sullenberger, is a classmate of mine. We both graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1973. When I saw his picture on the news, I immediately looked him up in our 1973 yearbook, and there he was, looking sharp in his cadet uniform.

Sullenberger learned how to fly in our Air Force, and he served out his seven-year commitment as an officer and pilot. He then began a 29-year career as an airline pilot and safety expert. When you throw in his time as a cadet, he had more than 40 years of training, education and experience to prepare him for the challenge he would face last week.

He prepared himself well. Like all Air Force pilots, Sullenberger spent hundreds of hours studying emergency procedures and practicing them in simulators. He obviously continued this practice as he transitioned to the airlines. One definition of integrity is doing the right thing when no one else is looking, and Sullenberger made himself a better pilot by studying and practicing when no one else was paying a lot of attention. His foundation of knowledge and skill was strong because he put in the time and effort required to build it.

But preparation wasn't enough. When faced with a crisis, Sullenberger had to execute. He didn't panic. Instead he focused on what he had to do to save his plane and his



“We didn't invent the core values in the Air Force. They came from the American people that we serve. Although the headlines may be filled with stories of fraud, greed and waste, it is important to remember that there are millions of Americans who choose to live by these values.”

passengers. Ditching a large aircraft is an incredibly difficult thing to do, and Sullenberger was able to do it safely. He executed his responsibilities with excellence.

Once the aircraft stopped in the cold waters of the Hudson, Sullenberger continued to care for his passengers and crew. New York Mayor Bloomberg described how Sullenberger walked the aisle of the airplane twice to make sure everyone was out. In doing so, he put service to others before his own personal safety. In the middle of incredible stress and strain, Sully chose to do the right thing.

In media parlance, the story of Flight 1549 had “legs.” Even as the historic inauguration approached, people remained fascinated with the incident, hanging on every detail as recounted by the passengers, ferry-men and rescue specialists. Perhaps this can be explained by the sheer drama of the crash and the fact that it happened in our largest city.

I think there is something deeper here, however. I believe that, in the face of all the negative news we have endured in recent months, we are looking for a hero – or in this case, a “Sully” – who will do the right thing

in the face of adversity. Americans love heroes, especially “ordinary” people who do extraordinary things, because one of our core ideals is that everyday people can make a difference.

On a very cold day in New York, Sully made a difference. He did it by living according to our core values of integrity, service and excellence.

We didn't invent the core values in the Air Force. They came from the American people that we serve. Although the headlines may be filled with stories of fraud, greed and waste, it is important to remember that there are millions of Americans who choose to live by these values. Whether it is the teacher who chooses to stay after class to help a troubled student or the policeman who chases the thief into the dark alley, many Americans choose to live according to integrity, service and excellence.

The story of “Sully” Sullenberger reminds us of this. In these challenging times, it's good to remember what makes our country great.

To Sully, my old classmate: Thanks for landing Flight 1549, walking down the aisle twice and setting an example for us all.

ON THE COVER

Alan Adams, Randolph firefighter, works a live-fire training exercise Jan. 14. For related photos, see Page 9.
Photo by Steve White

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For more information about submissions, call 652-5760.

Showplace Showcase



**Senior Airman
Kelly Clevenger**
12th Security Forces Squadron

Duty Title:

Security force controller

Hometown:

Sacramento, Calif.

Hobbies:

Spending time with my husband, daughter and friends, playing Guitar Hero, playing music, traveling and surfing the Internet

Goals:

Making staff sergeant the first time, obtaining a CCAF degree this year, obtaining a bachelor's and master's degree before retiring from the Air Force

Greatest Accomplishment:

Going back to school and starting a family

Personal Inspiration:

My husband, James, and my daughter, Gabryelle

Personal Motto:

It could be worse and when you're at the bottom there's nowhere else to go but up!

Pet Peeves:

Unfinished work and tardiness

Commander's Comments:

"Kelly is the consummate professional, who operates well above her pay grade. She's very goal oriented and it wouldn't surprise me if she made chief master sergeant in under 20 years or obtained a commission. She's the type of woman that every supervisor wants to have on their team. Kelly is a great Airman and cop...I'd take her to war with me any day. Oh yeah - she's a great mom too."

Maj. Frank Hellstern

*12th Security Forces Squadron
commander*

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to implementing a solution was reduced 65 percent.

New missions were also introduced into the electronic warfare curriculum and as a result, never-before-taught skill sets - to include radar operations with HOTAS controls, visual navigation and defensive response and realistic weapons employment were learned by student CSOs and EWOs.

"These improvements were designed and implemented in record time due to on-site mission scripting and instructor validation," Colonel Wellborn commented.

Other achievements included developing the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Fundamentals Course that trains recently-winged pilots on basic airmanship and operational sensor usage. It was stood up in less than nine weeks and cost less than \$1 million per phase.

Also, the 563rd was recognized for working with Air Force Special Operations Command to craft an electronic warfare officer trainer - for \$500,000 - and develop an AC-130 sensor operator trainer.

Finally, the award lauded the 563rd for developing a Joint Mission Planning System, now being evaluated as a sortie rehearsal

debriefing tool for the Air Force's Weapons School, the Joint Electronic Warfare Center and the Air Force Institute of Technology.

The Air Combat Environment CSO Trainer enhances the T-43 trainer, which was developed to teach basic radar mechanics and TACAN/VOR navigation.

The ACE is used by student EWOs on cross-country trips to teach concepts by dividing offensive, defensive and surveillance duties between three student officers in a dynamic and robust threat environment.

All of the student actions are accurately modeled and measured by the software, which uses data from various government intelligence agencies.

"And all of this simulation is done at no cost beyond the cost of the off-the shelf procured equipment," Colonel Wellborn added.

The colonel praised the hard work shown by his innovative instructors.

"The instructors of the 563d FTS have shown great initiative and superior 'out-of-the-box' thinking by finding endless practical applications for our simulation technology," the colonel said. "They absolutely deserve to be recognized - and AETC rewarded them for their innovation and dedication to the training mission."



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The 12th Communications Squadron presents a

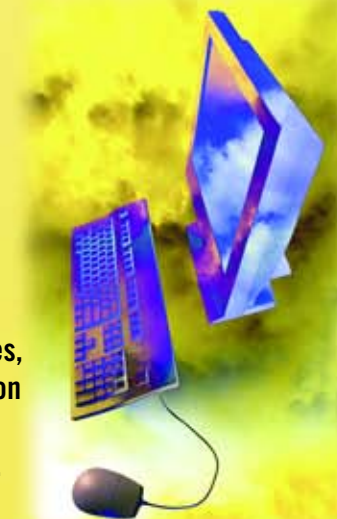
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**Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
at the Parr Club**

More than 30 exhibitors will demonstrate the latest in: communication technologies, network solutions, storage, data management, systems integration, flight and vision training, virtual training, audio/visual, and much more.

Complimentary refreshments and giveaways will be available while supplies last.

For more information, call 652-2360.



Cha Ching: Randolph Tax Center opens Feb. 2

By Staff Sgt. Beth Del Vecchio
12th Flying Training Wing
Public Affairs

Each year, the Randolph Tax Center saves the Randolph community money in tax preparation fees.

This year, the center opens Feb. 2.

The tax center offers free tax preparation for military, dependents and retirees and appointments can be made by calling 652-1040.

Volunteers will be available from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday to process returns.

This year, the tax center is located on the main floor of Bldg. 100, the Taj Mahal, in Rm. 206 of the east wing.

According to LaMarr Queen, 12th Flying Training Wing legal office, in most cases, returns can be signed and electronically filed with the Internal Revenue Service the same day they are prepared. Which means, returns filed by

Thursday morning could be electronically deposited into a taxpayers bank account as early as the following Friday.

“We electronically file almost every return we accomplish,” said Mr. Queen. “This allows the taxpayer to get their refund quicker, usually within 10 to 14 days, and there is no need for the taxpayer to get a refund anticipation loan.”

Getting the refund faster isn’t the only benefit to using the free service, according to Mr. Queen. Center volunteers are also trained in filing military type returns, making it easier for them to spot and file for credits or additional refunds that may apply.

“We help everyone eligible receive the Earned Income Credit,” said Mr. Queen. “The amount of this credit depends on how much an individual or couple makes and the number of qualifying children they have, but is also available to taxpayers even if they don’t have children.”

The center will be processing returns on an appointment basis only, averaging one-and-a-half hour per return. But, according to Mr. Queen, the more complex a return, the longer it will take. Taxpayers with different investments or rental properties are likely to have a complex return.

“If your return is complex, let us know when you make your appointment. That way, we can schedule extra time for you,” he said.

In order to expedite the process and ensure no follow-up appointments are needed, customers should bring Social Security cards for each individual listed on their return, and all applicable W-2s, 1099s or 1098s.

Other documentation, such as receipts, cancelled checks or mileage information will need to be brought to the appointment as well.

“If you can claim it on your return, we need to see it,” said Mr. Queen. “It would also be a

good idea to bring your 2007 return for reference.”

Mr. Queen also said there is a new requirement for customers of the tax center that they may not be expecting.

Every year, the tax center uses raw numbers from taxpayer’s returns to compile reports on the tax center. The reports show base leadership how much money the center saves the community in filing fees, how much tax refund money was awarded to the community or how much Earned Income Credit was received. The reports just use raw numbers from the returns, with no personally identifiable information.

This year, the IRS is requiring a signature from each taxpayer either allowing or declining the use of raw data from their returns. The form has to be signed prior to the processing of a return.

“These reports are used to show the significance of this program and its importance to the Randolph community,”

said Mr. Queen. “If a taxpayer declines to give us consent to use their numbers, our reports are skewed and the positive impact we have to the community is lessened.”

It is each taxpayer’s decision to allow or deny use of the data. For joint returns, both individuals have to decide and sign the form.

Center volunteers will work with customers to ensure they understand all actions involved with the filing of returns. Questions will be answered on the spot, to the best of each volunteers ability.

“Everyone working in our tax office preparing returns is a volunteer,” said Mr. Queen. “They have all been trained by the IRS, have passed certification tests, and are selflessly volunteering their time and effort to provide a service to the Randolph community.”

For more information or to make an appointment at the Randolph Tax Center, call 652-1040.

Randolph Chapel Schedule



• CATHOLIC	• PROTESTANT
Monday - Friday - Chapel One 11:30 a.m.	Traditional Worship 8:15 - 9:15 a.m.
Saturday - Chapel One 5:30 p.m.	Parish Fellowship 9:15 - 9:30 a.m.
Sunday - Chapel Two 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.	Religious Education 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.
Confession Saturday - Chapel One 4:30 - 5 p.m.	Inspirational Praise & Worship 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.

Base BRIEFS

Retirement

Congratulations to Master Sgt. Kirk Anderson, Air Force Occupational Measurement Squadron, on his retirement.

Sealed bid

The deadline to submit hand-carried, sealed bids to the 12th Services Division for an auction on a 1998 15-passenger club wagon with low mileage is Feb. 3 at noon. Interested parties can view the van between Jan. 26-30.

For details, call Jesse Orbe at 652-7319.

No FEAR Act training mandatory

All Department of Defense civilians and their supervisors (both civilian and military supervisors) who are assigned to Randolph Air Force Base, including all satellite units, are required to complete the mandatory Notification and Federal Employee Antidiscrimination and Retaliation Act, or No FEAR Act, training every two years.

Users with computer access should take the course on the Advanced Distribution Learning System, or ADLS no later than Feb. 9. Those without computer access should attend one of two briefings at Bldg. 693; either 1 p.m. on Jan. 28 or 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 4.

For details, call 652-4376.

EDUCATION OFFICE - 652-5964

Embry-Riddle

Embry-Riddle students will receive campus and office e-mail communiqués via their ERAU

e-mail address. Personal e-mail addresses will be used only during initial matriculation.

To find out your ERAU e-mail address or to request assistance with a password, call 1-866-227-8325.

St. Philip's College

St. Philip's College offers affordable evening classes on Randolph. The eight-week, Spring Flex II term begins March 16. People can apply for admission by completing the free online application at www.texasapply.org. Spring schedules and catalogs for all of the five colleges are available online at www.accd.edu.

Call 659-1096 for more information.

Wayland Baptist University

Wayland Baptist University's Spring 2009 term starts Feb. 23 and runs through May 16. Undergraduate classes are offered on base. Wayland Baptist University's Bachelor of Science in occupational education is a 124 credit-hour undergraduate degree offering majors in justice administration, human services and various others.

For more details, call 590-5681.

Park University

The Spring II term starts March 16 and runs through May 10. Registration is Feb. 17 through March 13, with late registration ending March 20.

Students who have completed classes and wish to sell their books, can use the "used book" board in the student break area of Bldg. 208.

Inaugural pause



Photo by Rich McFadden

Team Randolph Airmen watch as Barack Obama is sworn in as the 44th president of the United States during the 2009 Inauguration Mixer at the enlisted club Jan. 20.

Randolph Air Force Base National Prayer Breakfast "God Shed His Grace on Thee"

Tuesday, February 17 at 7 a.m. at the Parr Club

Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Cecil Richardson
United States Air Force Chief of Chaplains
Tickets for the event are \$7 and can be
purchased through unit First Sergeants
or at the Chapel Annex.



FEATURE

Local union helps civilian workers help themselves

By Thomas Warner

12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

Of approximately 5,000 Team Randolph members, about 3,300 are civilian employees.

Serving as the go-between for civilians and the Labor Relations Authority, or human resources, is the American Federation of Government Employees Union. Local 1840 is the Randolph chapter, with more than 250 members and a commitment to continue growth in the coming year.

Membership in Local 1840 affords civilian workers representation on issues such as sick leave, annual leave, sexual and supervisory harassment, safety concerns, NSPS issues, maternity leave, overtime and severance pay, pensions and many other areas that routinely show up on grievance reports filed annually at military installations, according to the union's charter.

"We want to have more members, but many civilian employees look at union membership as being negative – a strike against them in the eyes of management or active-duty co-workers," said Vance Miller, Local 1840 president. "It shouldn't be that way."

In the last three years, however, membership has nearly doubled, and union officials hope the numbers keep rising.

"Unions have played a vital role on bases, just as they have in other work areas through history," Mr. Miller said. "There has to be a balance between labor and management."

Mr. Miller works with 12th Logistics Readiness Division transportation section and served as vice president prior to being elected Local 1840 president two years ago. There are five people who serve on the union's executive board, all in volunteer status.

"Our bargaining unit includes around 2,700 appropriated funds personnel at Randolph," said Debra

Martin, Local 1840 secretary treasurer, in describing who and what the union represents. "The remainder of the unit here is non-appropriated funds people who work in places like housekeeping, billeting, the bowling alley, food services and other vital areas. These positions are as important on any base as what's done by appropriated funds people."

Shop stewards, or points of contact, for NAF employees and AF serve on the Local 1840 executive board.

The original 1958 charter document and mission statement lists a primary duty of Local 1840 as "promoting the civic and economic welfare of all government employees." Ms. Martin said membership was at 138 people when she took office three years ago.

"Even though many civilians choose not to become members, the union must and will remain completely accessible to the bargaining unit as a whole," said Ms. Martin, base software manager, who has been an AF civilian since 1994 when she concluded a



Photo by Melissa Peterson

The executive board for American Federation of Government Employees Local 1840 includes, from left, Bill Stephens, Ernie Garza, President Vance Miller, Emerly Burnett, and Debra Martin.

restructuring of pay grades will be based on average income in surrounding cities here in southeast Texas. He said the contract is sup-

reviewing and revising the contract."

Local 1840 represents not only Team Randolph civilians, but personnel working in San Antonio with the Joint Personnel Property Shipping Office and numerous Air Force Recruiting Squadrons on this base and nationwide.

Dues for union membership are \$15 per pay period or \$30 per month. While the fees might seem high to some, Ms. Martin said those figures, calculated annually, come nowhere near what an attorney's retainer fees would be if representation was needed.

"The union always seeks to resolve issues at the supervisory level," said Ms. Martin. "We will meet with all parties together and can often resolve things immediately. If a Merit System Protection Board, Federal Labor Review Agency or arbitrators are needed, we've gone that route. Resolving things locally is our first option, though, and we don't tolerate petty complaints by our members. All sides are accountable."

For information about Local 1840, log onto www.afgelo-cal1840.org or call the union office, located in Bldg. 201, at 659-7918.



17-year active-duty career.

A review of the local chapter's charter and contract is ongoing, said Mr. Miller, and criteria to support

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posed to be reviewed at least every three years.

"Our contract has gone 16 years without an update and it's out of date," said Mr. Miller. "It's partially the fault of past officials here who let it slip through the cracks or simply chose not to pursue it. Circumstances and conditions change, and you need to notate those changes by periodically

American Federation of Government Employees Union. Local 1840 meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 5 p.m. in Building 201. Call 659-7918 for more information.



Members of Randolph's fire emergency services, wearing full protective clothing and self-contained breathing apparatus, prepare to make an interior attack on simulated large frame aircraft fire.

Photos by Steve White

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!

The Team Randolph fire department battled a raging inferno in a "live-fire" training exercise Jan 14.



Base firefighters discuss potential strategies to combat exterior fires surrounding the live-fire aircraft trainer.



Randolph fire-fighters Daniel Flores (right) and Cliff Martinez control gas valves and electric igniters to ensure safety while providing realistic aircraft live-fire training for base fire-fighters.



Two P-19 aircraft rescue firefighting vehicles demonstrate mass applications techniques during recertification of aircraft live-fire mockup. The mockup is configured to provide for a wide range of scenarios simulating exterior ground fires and multiple engine fires and four different types of interior fires.

SPORTS and FITNESS

Cops bust 12th MSS in aerial football battle

By Sean Bowlin
12th Flying Training Wing Public Affairs

In Wednesday night flag football action at Grater Field, the 12th Security Forces Squadron squeaked by the 12th Mission Support Squadron, 20-14.

The cops showed up looking organized and fairly deep in their numbers. They all wore numbered white jerseys with their nicknames on the back – and with handcuffs and the team’s nickname - “Po-Po”- parodying the urban slang term for police – on the front.

Led by team co-captains David Hicks, who played quarterback and cornerback, and center Frank “Himfick” Hellstern, the 12th SFS started strong.

That’s when Hicks took a long Hellstrom hike on the second play of the game, stepped back deep into the pocket, pumped the ball and then unleashed an 80-yard bomb to receiver Tyrone “Big Will” Williams.

Williams, who combined with Hicks for about 200 yards in receptions throughout the game, hauled the bomb in and took it to the 10-yard line.

From there, Hicks rolled out and connected with receiver Jeremy Dawley and it was pay dirt. The touchdown and conversion lit the scoreboard 7-0 and set the “Po-Po” in motion for the rest of the contest.

“Our offense is committed,” he said. “Once they run their routes and get downfield and catch the ball, they’re com-

mitted to score.”

Hicks, who stuck to MSS receivers like a shadow on defense, then connected with Hellstern on a three-yard pitch-out for another score. The conversion was good, and the score sat 14-0.

Then 12th MSS team captain, quarterback and defensive back Hestroverto Martinez threw a 20-yard pass that a teammate hauled to earn them their first six. A conversion point brought them to seven.

Martinez, whose modus operandi was to step back into the pocket, freeze, then look around the field for an open receiver and sprint like a jaguar downfield toward daylight while throwing, was visibly frustrated.

The frustration was caused by the Po-Po’s aggressive shadowing of 12th MSS receivers Willie Castor and Daniel Ritter, each of who had at least 100 receiving yards but no points for their efforts.

Hicks, with 30 seconds left in the contest’s first half, hit Williams again for a long bomb of 50 yards. The touchdown resurrected the cops’ comfort zone 20-7.

Although they would score only one more time by the contest’s end, the 12th MSS, ably led by Ritter, Martinez and Castor, ran out of time on the comeback trail. Plus, with only eight people showing up, all played 60 minutes. They were worn out from playing their best.



Photo by Sean Bowlin

David Hicks (right), the 12th Security Forces Squadron intramural football team quarterback, tries to keep some room between him and Eric Plack, 12th Mission Support Squadron rusher, during a game at Grater Field Wednesday. A last-ditch effort by the MSS couldn't hold off the cops from taking the game, 20-14.

January



Group exercise class schedule at the Rambler Fitness Center

MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS
6 a.m. - Cycling	9 a.m. - Yoga	6 a.m. - Cycling	9 a.m. - Step/Weights	6 a.m. - Cycling	9 a.m. - Kick Boxing
9 a.m. - Step	10 a.m. - Srs. Strength	9 a.m. - Step	9 a.m. - Yoga	9 a.m. - Step	9 a.m. - Pilates
11 a.m. - Step	11 a.m. - Step	11 a.m. - Step	10 a.m. - Seniors	10:15 a.m. - Cardiofusion	10:15 a.m. - Zumba
11:15 a.m. - Cycling	5 p.m. - Zumba	4 p.m. - Power Yoga	11 a.m. - Step	11:15 a.m. - Cycling	
5 p.m. - Step	6 p.m. - Kick Boxing	5:15 p.m. - Cycling	5 p.m. - Zumba	5:30 p.m. - Yoga	
5:15 p.m. - Cycling		5:30 p.m. - Cardiofusion	5:15 p.m. - Cycling		
6 p.m. - Yoga		6:15 p.m. - Sets & Reps	6 p.m. - Turbo Kick		
7:15 p.m. - Kick Boxing		7:15 p.m. - Kick Boxing			

\$3 per class. For details on class passes or holiday class schedules, call the Rambler Fitness Center at 652-2955.

Super Bowl bound



Terrye Heagerty (right), 12th Services Division director, presents an all-expense paid trip to the Super Bowl to Geoff Morgan, an Air Force Services club member who works at the Randolph Bowling Center, Jan. 9, as Lt. Col. Tracey Kop, 12th Mission Support Group deputy commander, looks on. As winner of Services' Football Frenzy program, Mr. Morgan will receive airfare, hotel and vehicle accommodations for two and tickets to the game.
Courtesy photo

Intramural Flag Football Standings

TEAM	WON	LOST
12 MDG	5	0
12 MSS	4	1
Fire Dept.	4	2
JPPSO	3	2
AFPC	3	2
12 SFS	2	3
AFRS-12 CONS	2	4
435th	1	5
562 FTS	0	5



Current as of Thursday

Sports BRIEFS



Push-Up competition
The Rambler Fitness Center is hosting a push-up competition Tuesday at 7 a.m. Participants can use this competition to gauge their fitness level for the annual PT test.
Push-ups will be repeated correctly as many times as possible in one minute. The monitors will count the number of correctly performed push-ups. The first 50 participants to sign up will receive a T-shirt.

Youth sports registration
Registration for youth T-ball, softball and baseball takes place at the Randolph Youth Center, Bldg. 897, through Feb. 20. Youth, ages 5-18, are eligible to play and the cost is \$40.
All youth must have a current membership, annual physical, up-to-date immunizations and birth certificate on file.
Call 652-2088 for more information.

Fitness center renovations
The Rambler Fitness center and Health and Wellness Center are undergoing renovations to improve the building's floor drainage system. These renovations are expected to go through March 2009.
There will be no change to the operation of the facility and customers should not experience any inconvenience.

Basketball coaches meeting
A meeting for all intramural and extramural basketball coaches and representatives takes place Thursday at 3 p.m. at the Rambler Fitness Center, Room 128.
The seasons starts in February and lasts about 7-9 weeks. Games are played in the evenings at the fitness center.
Players must work on Randolph and play for their unit's team. If their unit is not fielding a team, they will be placed in a player's pool and distributed throughout the league.
To be eligible to play in the extramural league, players must be over 30 years of age and have a valid military ID card.

Coaches needed
Volunteer coaches are needed for girl's fastpitch softball and baseball, ages 5-18. A completed application including background checks must be on file prior to first practice.
Call 652-2088 to sign up.

Lunch time volleyball
The Rambler Fitness Center offers lunch time volleyball every Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
For more information, call Lt. Col. Steve Fournier at 652-7915.

Golf swing lessons
Golfers interested in improving their swing can make a personal appointment with swing doctors Brian Cannon and Charles Bishop (PGA) at Randolph Oaks Golf Course.
Call 652-4653 to schedule your lesson today.

Twilight pricing
Randolph Oaks twilight pricing begins at 1 p.m. daily and the cost for a round of golf with a cart is \$16 per person, Mon. - Fri., and \$17 per person on weekends and holidays.

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12th Services Briefs

AUTO SKILLS CENTER – 652-2952

• Automotive maintenance class

In this two-session class, you will learn to change your oil, rotate your tires and do a brake job. Don't get caught paying outrageous prices for preventive maintenance on your vehicle when you can learn to do it on your own, saving money and ensuring the job is done right! Classes are held on Tuesdays, February 3 & 10 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$45 plus supplies. Sign up deadline is January 27.

BOWLING CENTER- 652-6271

• Thunder Alley

Be sure to check out the Thunder Alley Music and Light show tomorrow and Jan. 31 from 8 p.m. to Midnight. They have awesome music from SIRIUS satellite radio.

• Sweetheart mixed doubles tournament

Celebrate Valentine's Day by bowling in the Sweetheart Mixed Doubles Tournament on Feb. 15 at 1:30 p.m. The team composition is one male and one female and you must sign up in advance at the Bowling Center. The price is \$25 per couple.

KENDRICK CLUB – 652-3056

• Super Bowl parties

Join us for the best Super Bowl parties in South Texas on Feb. 1:

- The Nite Club opens at 11 a.m. for the tailgate party and closes when the game is over.
- Gil's Pub opens at 3 p.m. for a private VIP party. If you participated in our football events all through the season your name should be on the list. If not, enjoy watching the Super Bowl game on 10 flat screen TVs and a pull down screen in the Nite Club. The special offered all day is a 12 oz. New York strip steak with French fries and steamed green beans for only \$15.95. Coupons will NOT be accepted. Non club members pay an additional \$2.

• Gil's Pub grill menu will also be available.

• At half time there will be offering a complimentary light hors d'oeuvres buffet in the lobby of the club for both bars.

For those of you that are familiar with the Super Bowl events, you know that the Kendrick Club is the happening place! Great food, super door prizes and lots of noise and "friendly" rivalries will be going on all night long. This is open to all DoD I.D. cardholders.

GOLF COURSE -652-4570

• Tuesday half price golf

You can golf for half price (\$12) on Tuesdays in January, whether riding or walking. What an unbelievable deal—definitely the best price in San Antonio!

INFORMATION, TICKETS & TRAVEL – 652-5640

• Flea market

Need to clean out the garage or house after all the holiday chaos or looking for great deals on slightly used household items? Come over to ITT and rent a space which comes with one six-foot long table for \$15 (additional tables are \$3) and join them at the Randolph Clinic parking lot on February 7 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This is an opportunity for customers to sell used items and also provides the base community a market to purchase household items from sellers at a reduced price. Sign up early since spaces and tables go fast. The selling of firearms, animals, arts and crafts, food items and beverages is not permissible.

LODGING – 652-1844

• Escape

Escape from all the distractions of everyday life! This Valentine's Day treat yourself and your loved one to a nice quiet evening at the Randolph Inn. You can make reservations now by calling 652-1844.

RAMBLER FITNESS CENTER – 652-2955

• New year, new program...new you

It is a New Year and time for a new workout program to achieve a new you! Pick up your "New Year—New You" program card from the staff and start running/walking the 70 miles, attending the 24 group aerobic classes and biking the 36 miles.

You have the entire year to accomplish the program. Participants will receive a t-shirt once they complete the required activities and distances.

• Advanced strength training class

Check out the advanced strength training class on February 3 at 11:30 a.m. During this class you will learn advanced strength training techniques emphasizing muscular strength.

RANDOLPH RECREATION PARK AT CANYON LAKE – 1-800-280-3466

• Half price shelters

Rent one of the shelters for half price, \$17.50 per night, Mon. to Thu., during the month of January. The shelter is equipped with a refrigerator, sink, microwave, a full size bed, bunk beds (sleeps four) (customers need to bring their own linen), air conditioning, heating, and a bathroom with a hot shower....all the comforts of home.

WOOD SKILLS CENTER – 652-2788

• Beginners' woodworking class

In this two-session class, you will not only learn the basics but will also get certified on the equipment used so that you can continue to use the facility on other woodworking projects.

Classes are held on Tuesdays, February 3 & 10 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$45 plus supplies. Deadline for sign up is January 27.

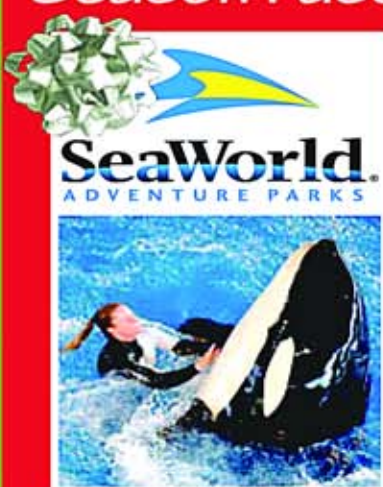
Fiesta Texas Season Pass



SIX FLAGS FIESTA TEXAS

Six Flags is San Antonio family fun at its finest! The thrilling rides and award winning shows means Texas size fun. The 2009 season passes are available at ITT for only \$63 (ages 3 and up). Season passes make great gifts for the thrill seekers on your list! Stop by ITT today. Prices subject to change without notice.

Sea World Season Pass



SEAWORLD

There's no place like SeaWorld San Antonio! Purchase your 2009 season pass now so you won't miss a single day! The one-year Silver passes are \$71 (3 years and up), 2-year Gold passes are \$120 (3 years and up) and both passes include parking. Stop by ITT and pick up yours today! Prices subject to change without notice.

VALENTINE'S

DINNER AND DANCE

PARR CLUB

FEBRUARY 14
6 p.m.

This special romantic evening begins with cocktails at 6 p.m. followed by a dinner buffet at 6:30 p.m. The Jazz Ensemble will provide your musical entertainment for the evening. There will be a scrumptious buffet and champagne fountain with your choice of peach or raspberry Bellini's.

Your "special" someone will receive a red rose upon checking in. Prices are \$50 per couple or \$30 for a single.

This event is open to all DoD I.D. cardholders.

